Preaching Commonplace Truth.

A prominent minister has lately published his conviction that an ele-ment of weakness in his ministry has been the shrinking from "saying, and been the shrinking from "saying, and saying again, things that are common and even commonplace." We believe the point is well taken. Without doubt, many preachers are worried and hampered in precisely this way. A man sets out to make a sermon, tormented with the idea that he must be original, and that whatever he says, he must say something that nobody has original, and that whatever he says, he must say something that nobody has said before; or, at the very least, must find a way of saying something that has never before been found. As a result he works uneasily and often ineffectively. There is danger, too, of his fectively. There is danger, too, of his growing morbidly self-conscious, and caring more for the impression made by himself than for that made by the

truth on his hearers.

This snare is to be avoided, not by lapsing lazily into the careless repitition of platitudes, but by remembering that people's lives are made up of common things, and that the truth suited to their needs is that which touches common things in a real and earnest way. The fault has often been found with Longfellow's poetry that it is mostly about everyday affairs. Mr. Howell says truly that such a criticism is the highest praise, for it means that Longfellow has given us "the poetry of general human life." And the finest tribute to Wordsworth that we remember is the saying of Mr. Lowell that his best poetry is "part of the air we breathe."

Bringing the truth to bear upon fac-

we breathe."

Bringing the truth to bear upon familiar experiences is what has made the popularity and success of many preachers who are not afraid to do it. Mr. Moody once illustrated the benefit of trying different ways of reading the Bible by his wife's experiments in cooking tomatoes till at last he found a style that he liked. It was a homely comparison for a great audience in the control of Abbeville Court density in the Carolina, and known as the Robinson Place and containing West End of London, but after all, not homlier than that of the kingdom of heaven to the yeast that a woman

Sin is a commonplace fact. The misery it brings is an everyday matter. The doom it threatens is an affair of universal concern. The temptations that beset men and women and chilthat beset men and women and children are familiar, humdrum, very ordinary prose, not poetry or romance. And when we look in the gospel that tells of salvation from sin and help in temptation, we find that its scenes and sayings are all linked with everyday life, the workshop and the farm and the fishing-boat, the household and the market-place. Its good news is of the market-place. Its good news is of a Saviour who lived and died not only a Saviour who lived and died not only for men, but with them, and to whom the common people listened gladly because he spoke of common things, and made the highest truth touch vitally the most matter-of-fact duties and tribuse of the spoke of the spoke of the spoke of common things, and made the highest truth touch vitally the most matter-of-fact duties and tribuse of the spoke o made the highest truth touch vitally the most matter-of-fact duties and tri-als and cares. The Christian preacher is privileged to declare just such a commonplace gospel, and the fact of its being so is the very thing to keep Sheriff's Sale.

Sheriff's Sale.

White Brothers et al against John Wilkerson - Execution.

government, that circulars should be

lected to make an entry, they have directed me to send you a copy of the lords' order, and to inform you that they expect you forthwith to make the entry of all your plate, such entry

BY virtue of sundry executions to me directthe entry of all your plate, such entry to bear date from the commencement of the plate duty, or from such time as you have owned, used, had or kept any quantity of silver plate, chargeable by the act of parliament; as in default thereof, the board will be obliged to signify your refusal to their lordships.

By virtue of sundry executions to me direct ed, in the above stated case, I will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, within the legal hours of sale, at Abbeville Court House, on Monday the fourth day of April A. 1887, all the right, title and interest of John R. Tolbert in the following described property to wit: All that tract or purcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Abbeville, South Carolina, and known as the Waller or Burnt House place, and containing ships.
"N. B.—An immediate answer is

J. Wesley replied as follows:

"SIR:—I have two silver teaspoons at London, and two at Bristol; this is

Is it So?

One of the most formidable obstacles to the cause of peace, in this country. is the Revolutionary war. Had the American Revolution failed, it would have been a bloody rebellion. As it succeeded, we call it a glorious Theophilus Baker as Administrator with the

Revolution. But the end should not sanctify the means. We should look at it by the light of eternity. Did it at it by the light of eternity. Did it not send many a poor soul to his last account "with all his imperfections on his head?" Would any one give his own soul for all the advantages of the Revolution? If such a person can be found, then he can easily answer the question of Christ, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Marshal Assets, Enjoin Greunois, etc.

THE CREDITORS OF JAMES M. LATImer, deceased, are hereby notified and required, in accordance with an order of the Court passed in the above entitled action, to come in and establish their demands before me on or before TUESDAY, APRIL 5th, 1837, or be barred the benefit of this suit; this notice not to include the claim of the defendant, James M. Baker.

J. C. KLUGH, Master.

We live by faith, and faith lives by exercise. As is said of some men, they are never well but at work; so here hinder faith from working, and THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, you are enemies to its very life and be-

Sale of a Valuable Plantation

BY virtue of a power of sale contained in a BY wirtue of a power of sale contained in a Company, Defendants.

A. Smith, Plaintiff, vs. P. L. Sturkey, et al., Manganese Mining and Manufacturing Company, Defendants. BY virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage, given to me, by Wm. Wilson, dated the 28th September, 1877, I will sell, at public outery, at Abbeville Court House, on SALEDAY IN APRIL mext, (4th) the following tracts of land, situate in Abbeville county, to wit: THE HOMESTEAD TRACT, containing THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY. FIVE ACRES, bounded by the Cabell lands, and lands of J. H. Latimer, Estate of John Link, and Estate of S. C. McGaw; and also the FIFTY ACRES, recently cut off from the said tract by the Commissioners of Homestead, and purchased on Saleday in March, by Wm. H. Brooks. TERMS—Cash.

G. CADE, Mortgagee.

March 14, 1887, 3t

Notice.

March 14, 1887, 3t

THE MILLWAY BURIAL ASSOCIATION will apply for a charter for the said Association April 10th, 1887.
C. L. WOOLBRIDGE, President,
B. PATTERSON, Vice-President,
GEORGE CHILLES, Treasurer,
G. W. CALHOUN, Secretary,
And others of the said Association,
March 9, 1887, 448

School Books

in the Public Schools may be found at the store of

March 9, 1887, tf

Master's Sale.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

J. C. KLUGH, Master.

Sheriff's Sale.

D. H. Chambelain and others against Mary E. Brown-Execution. E. Brown—Execution.

BY virtue of sundry executions to me directed, in the above stated case, I will sell to the highest bidder, at Public Auction, within the legal hours of sale, at Abbeville Court House, on Monday the fourth day of April, A. D. 1887, all the right, title and interest of Mary E. Brown in the following described property to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Abbeville South Carolina, and containing ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO ACRES,

more or less, and bounded by lands of J. Edward Calhoun, M. J. McCelvey, C. A. White and others levied on and to be sold as the property of Mary E. Brown to satisfy the aforesaid execution and costs.

TERMS—Cush. J. F. C. DUPRE, March 8, 1887, 3t. Sheriff, A. C.

THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ACRES of heaven to the yeast that a woman puts into her dough. Mr. Spurgeon is another illustrious example of the freshness and power of commonplace truth spoken out of a warm heart and loving sympathy with human needs.

Sin is a commonplace fact. The

Sheriff's Sale.

J. P. Kennedy and L. M. Bonner against E. B. Norris-Execution.

Sheriff's Sale.

Its being so is the very thing to keep his heart afire and his hope alive, and to preserve him from growing tired or tiresome in preaching it.

John Wesley's Silver Plate.

In the year 1776, John Wesley received the following letter, in consequence of a recent resolution of the government, that circulars should be

government, that circulars should be sent to all persons who were suspected of having plate, on which they had not paid the duty:

"Reverend Sir: As the commissioners cannot doubt that you have sioners cannot doubt that you have hitherto neg-

Sheriff's Sale.

Nine Hundred and Fifty Acres,

more or less, and bounded by lands of Jesse Rook, William Harrolson, H. M. Spikes and others. Also,

One Hundred Acres,

at London, and two at Bristol; this is all the plate I have at present; and I shall not buy any more while so many around me want bread."

"I am, sir, your most humble servant,

John Wesley."

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John Wesley."

March 8, 1887, 3t

"I am and bounded by the G. & C. R. R., Jefferson Floyd, Estate of John A. Stewart and others Levied on and to be sold as the property of John R. Tolbert, to satisfy the aforesaid executions and costs.

TERMS—Cash.

March 8, 1887, 3t

Sheriff A. C.

Notice to Creditors. THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

> COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. IN THE COMMON PLEAS.

will annexed of Jas. M. Latimer, deceased, Plaintiff, vs. Carrie A. Latimer, Mary E. M. Baker, et al., Defendants.—Action to Marshal Assets, Enjoin Creditors, etc.

J. C. KLUGH, Master.

March 5, 1887, 4t

Notice to Creditors.

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

THE Supervisors of Roads in each Township will order the Overseers under their charge to put the roads in complete order by the 15th of April next. Overseers will warn farmers not to encroach upon the highway by planting crops in the road.

By order of the Board.

J. T. PARKS, Clerk B. C. C.

March 9, 1887, 4t

Notice. THE School Commissioner will be in his of-fice on the following days to register school claims and attend to other business,

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E. COWAN, School Commissioner. Feb. 16, 1887, tf

Notice.

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JOHN GAULDEN. law. March 16, 1887, tf

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TOWNSHIP 11.-W. A. Templeton, Jno. G. Edwards, S. H. Cochran.

TOWNSHIP 12.-J. H. Bell, M. D., John D. Alewine, R. O. McAdams.

TOWNSHIP 13.-I. H. McCalla, J. W. Huckabee, J. B. Moseley.

TOWNSHIP 13.-I. H. McCaslan, W. R. Township 18.-P. H. McCaslan, W. R. Powell, W. R. McBride.

TOWNSHIP 18.-James Cothran, Jr., L. B. Ramey, W. H. Britt.

E. COWAN,

E. COWAN, Chm. Bd. Ex. A. C. Jan. 26, 1886. tf Med. copy.

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OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL,
COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 24, 1886.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 24, 1886.

CERTIFY, That Mr. J. T. PARKS, of Abbeville, Agent of THE CHEASAPEAKE FIRE INSUKANCE COMPANY, incorporated by the District of Columbia, has compiled with the requisitions of the Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to regulate the Agencies of Insurance Companies not incorporated in the State of South Carolina," and I hereby license the said Mr. J. T. Parks, Agent aforexald, to take risks and transact all business of Insurance in this State, in the County of Abbeville, for and in behalf of said Company.

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Copartnership Notice. THE undersigned have this day formed a copartnership for the practice of law under the firm name of **DeBRUHL & BRAD-LEY**.

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